New drugs in traditional medicines

1386. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China are contemplating joint efforts to develop new drugs in traditional medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed in this regard between the two countries; and

(d) by when the work in this regard is likely to be started and which diseases are targeted initially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Under the aegis of International Clinical Epidemiology Network India and China are contemplating joint efforts to develop new durgs in the area of traditional medicine. As agreement has been signed by India Clinical Epidemiology Network and China Clinical Epidemiology Network for joint efforts in the area of Hepatitis and Diabetes.

Smoke free zones

1387. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Medical Association has declared all its centres across the country as 'Smoke-free-zones' with effect from June, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the effect thereof;

(c) whether it has also appealed to all the doctors to give up smoking, at least publicly; and

(d) whether Government propose to ban smoking in hospitals and if so, the details thereof?